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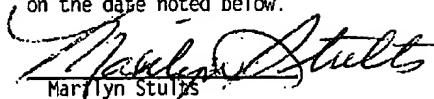
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Submitted herewith are:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Official Action dated September 26, 2006 issued from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application;
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Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said communication and for the reasons stated in said communication.

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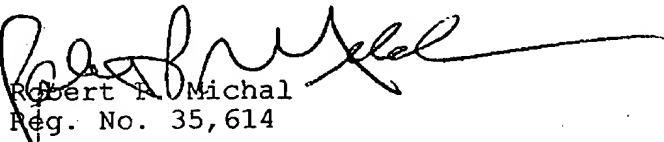
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